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## **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING SIGNIFICANCE HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY January 21, 2021**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego intends to adopt an update to the County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance, Hydrology and Water Quality (Guidelines). The proposed Guidelines can be reviewed at [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Public\\_Review\\_Non-CEQA.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Public_Review_Non-CEQA.html). Under this process, public review is not required; however, any comments received will be accepted and taken into consideration. Comments on the Guidelines must be sent to the Planning & Development Services (PDS) address listed above and should reference the project number and name, as shown below.

### **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING SIGNIFICANCE HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: PDS2020-MISC-20-046**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies to review the environmental impacts of proposed projects and consider measures to reduce significant adverse environmental effects when required. The Guidelines have been prepared and updated to assist the County of San Diego staff, project applicants, and the public in the review of discretionary projects and environmental documents to determine whether, based on substantial evidence, a project may have a significant effect on hydrology or water quality pursuant to CEQA.

The Guidelines do not propose any development. The purpose of the Guidelines is to clarify and standardize analysis in the environmental review process by providing consistent, objective, and predictable evaluation of significant effects for the subject areas of hydrology and water quality. The Guidelines also include two updated CEQA streamlining options during discretionary review allowing for a schematic design for both stormwater and flood review. The options provide the opportunity for project applicants and consultants to reduce the processing time and cost associated with discretionary review. These options will not reduce the quality of PDS review or create shortcuts or loopholes in the permitting process that would impact public safety, quality of life, environmental protection, or limit intended public participation. Final engineering level analysis would be required during the final engineering phase.

Comments on the Guidelines must be received no later than February 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. for a 30-day public disclosure period. For additional information, please contact Jenna Rody at [jenna.rody@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jenna.rody@sdcounty.ca.gov) or (858) 495-5437.